

REMARKS

The Office Action dated January 11, 2005 has been received and carefully reviewed. The following remarks form a full and complete response thereto. Claims 1-15 are pending in the application and submitted for reconsideration.

Claims 1-15 were provisionally rejected for non-statutory double-patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-14 of copending U.S. Patent Application 10/455,324. This is the only rejection of claims 1-15. Under MPEP § 804 (I)(B), a provisional rejection should be withdrawn when it is the only rejection remaining. However, in order to advance the prosecution of the present application, the Applicant submit the attached terminal disclaimer complying with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.321. Accordingly, the Applicant requests that the rejection be withdrawn and that claims 1-15 be allowed.

If U.S. Patent Application 10/455,324 should not issue as a patent or if a patent that issues therefrom contains patentably distinct claims from those of the instant application, Applicant reserves the right to withdraw the terminal disclaimer and to a refund of the appropriate fees.

The patent office is authorized to charge any fees due to the Applicant's
representative's Deposit Account No. 02-2135.

Respectfully Submitted,



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